Sl. No.	Name of Work
5	ROB at Km 330/00 of NH-14 in lieu of Lc No. 121-C/2T between PNU-UDZ section
6	ROB at Km. 23/400 of Chittorgarh bypass at Rly. Km. 3/7-8 in lieu of Lc No. 3-C
7	Widing of Existing ROB at km. 176/8-9 bet. Dausa Khanbakhari.

Rail overbridge over Kosi river

†1499. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a railway bridge is under construction over Kosi river between Nirmali-Bhaptiyahi under East Central Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after the construction of said bridge several parts of the country including, Patna would be linked with North Eastern State *via* Darbhanga-Saharsa in a short time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After the construction of Kosi rail bridge along with completion of ongoing gauge conversion *viz.* Jayanagar-Darbhanga-Narkatiaganj, Sakri-Laukaha Bazar-Nirmali, Saharsa-Forbesganj, Katihar-Jogbani, Aluabari Road-Siliguri and a new line from Arariya to Thakurganj (Galgalia) projects, an alternative route on broad gauge will be available for North-Eastern States from Gorakhpur side and some other parts of the country.

Looting of passengers by Railway's security personnel

†1500. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the fact that Railway's security personnel are themselves involved in the incidents of looting of rail passengers;

(b) whether any action is being taken against guilty personnel as also to prevent such incidents;

(c) whether any special squad has been formed for security of railways and its passengers; and

(d) if so, where and how the services of this squad are being utilized alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. 06 cases have been reported during the year 2007 (upto July) wherein

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08 Government Railway Police (GRP) and 01 Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel were found involved in the incidents of looting of rail passengers.

(b) Yes, Sir. Action against the guilty personnel has been initiated by registering cases at the concerned Police Stations under the Provisions of Indian Penal Code.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Special squads are formed from time to time for security of rail passengers in trains and Railway premises over the Railways. Following steps are also being taken for the security of passengers:—

1. Important trains are being checked with an element of surprise and surveillance is being kept on the activities of criminals involved in drugging and thefts of passengers' belonging.
2. Armed Railway Protection Force staffs are deployed to escort selected sensitive trains specially during night for the safety and security of travelling passengers and their luggage.
3. Special Squads are briefed and sensitized by Railway Prptection Force officers regularly to be alert on duty to check such crime in trains.
4. Supervisory staff have been instructed to make frequent checks in trains to ensure safety and security of travelling public.
5. Coordination meeting with the Government Railway Police Chiefs at Zonal and Divisional levels are organized to take coordinated action in this regard.
6. Government Railway Police and Railway Protection Force staff are deputed on the platforms to keep watch on anti-social elements.

Gauge conversion under RRVY in Rajasthan

†1501. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail lines for which proposals have been included in the rail budget for the year 2007-08 to get the survey of gauge conversion conducted;

(b) the time frame fixed to complete the survey work;

(c) the norms fixed for approving the gauge conversion work after the completion of the survey work;

(d) whether any proposal is being implemented for the gauge conversion in Rajasthan under Rashtriya Rail Vikas Yojana;

(e) if so, the names of proposals and by when they are being implemented;

(f) whether very sensitive and important Jaipur, Phulera, Ringus, Rewari section is being included in this scheme; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

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